

THE

Great Affizes :

O R

General Day of  
J U D G M E N T.

Being the laying forth the State of man in  
Righteousness, and the cursed condition  
of the Wicked.

And the Accounts that every Man must give at  
the General Resurrection.

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*I am the Resurrection and the Life, he that believ-  
eth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live.  
John 11. 25.*

*Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first  
Resurrection, on such the second death hath no  
Power, but they shall be Priests of God and Christ  
and reign with him a thousand years, Rev. 20, 6.*

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Christian Reader ;

**I** Here present to your View a most excellent  
 Work of the General Day of Judgment,  
 I desire you to read it over, and lay it to heart  
 what is here inserted ; it will shew you the joys  
 of Heaven and the pains of Hell : and also the  
 State of the Righteous and of the wicked ; shew-  
 ing likewise the carefulness you ought to have  
 of your souls, while you live in this Transitory  
 life, and so to seek to God, as that you may know  
 him, and reign with him for evermore : Amen.  
 And so hoping the same may work spiritually in  
 you, I for the same shall pray, and rest

Your friend in Christ, VV. K. B. of A.

Give ear unto this call for Doom,  
 And light your Lamps of Oyl ;  
 It is not long e're God will come  
 Un'wares and take the spoyl.  
 Then watch, & pray, good Christians all  
 For know you, God is just :  
 The Righteous unto Heaven he'l call,  
 To Hell the Wicked thrust. Revel.

Revel. 20. 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15.

And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be let loose out of Prison. And shall go out to deceive the Nations which are in the four quarters of the Earth; Gog & Magog to gather them together to battel: The number of whom is as the sand of the Sea. And they went upon the breadth of the earth, & compassed the camps of the saints about, & the beloved City, & fire came down from Heaven & devoured them. And the devil that deceived them was cast into the Lake of fire and Brimstone, where the beasts & false Priests are, & shall be tormented day & night for ever. And I saw a great white Throne, and him that sate on it, from whose face the earth and Heaven fled away, & there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead great & small stand before God, and the books were opened and another book was opened, which was the book of life, & the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books according to their works. And the Sea gave up her dead which were in it, & death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them, and they were judged every man according to his works. And death and hell was cast into the Lake of Fire: and whosoever was not found in the book of life, was cast into the lake of fire.

**C**hristian friends, of what degree sober, I beg of you all for Christs sake, and the good of your own souls, to spend one half hour in reading over this small book, or tend to

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hear the reading of it : let me intreat you not to  
neglect so great salvation, and say by all your busi-  
ness affairs to hear the coming of Christ, of the  
great day of judgment, which is now even at the  
door, throw by all to prepare the Lamps of oil a-  
gainst his coming ; for his appearance is a glory  
to them that fear him, but it will be a terrible  
day to the wicked, according to my text of scrip-  
ture before laid down. Satan is now loose in the  
world, he deserves four parts of the earth : yea,  
Gog & Magog he gathers together, whose num-  
ber is as the sands of the Sea ; yea, he compasses  
the Camps of the Saints, and the beloved City ;  
so he like a flying Locust, both corrupt Gods peo-  
ple against the great Assizes to condemn them,  
when fire shall fall from Heaven and devour the  
wicked, and the devil that deceived the false Pro-  
phets of the world, shall be cast into the Lake of  
this fire and brimstone with them : Then shall  
Christ sit in judgment and power, and his Saints  
with him, judging the twelve tribes of Israel,  
and the dead small and great shall rise & receive  
according to their works : and who so ever be not  
found in the book of life, shall be cast into the lake  
of Fire and Brimstone for ever, where shall  
be weeping & gnashing of Teeth : But the righ-  
teous shall never see this, he shall rejoyce when he  
seeth the vengeance, he shall wash his Feet with  
blood of the wicked, so that many shall say, There  
is a reward for the Righteous, verily he is a God that



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that judgeth the Earth, Psalm 58. 10. 11. **O**bey hearken, I beseech you, and repent you of your former sins; in what condition will that man be, whose words are not good? A fearful thing it is to lose Heaven, to obtain Hell, to lose the favour of God, & to be cursed with the Devil, to lie in torments for ever: rent your hearts, and not your garments, turn to the Lord all yours that are heavy laden, if your sins are as red as scarlet, he will make them as white as snow (saith the Lord of Hosts) I do not desire the death of a Sinner, but rather would have you repent and live. Dearly beloved Friends, the Lord doth not desire you to go astray, but to obey his Call while it is open unto you, for after death comes judgment; there is no deferring of your Duty of Repentance. To day if you will hear his voice, harden not your hearts: To morrow is another day, and who knows what a day will bring forth? Lye not wallowing in your Corruptions like to beasts; for the day of slaughter is nigh: a just reward is prepared for the wicked: The punishment of Hell might affright you, but only you are a people of very hard hearts, misbelieving of the Scriptures, like to the Scribes and Pharisees; but if like to them you do evil, you must partake of their punishment: Also I say, how glorious a sight is the coming of Christ to the Righteous! For at the Resurrection, God will wipe away all

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Tears from your Eyes, and there shall be no  
more Death, neither Sorrow nor Crying, nei-  
ther shall there be any Pain to thee for the  
former things are past away; but the Fearful,  
and Unbelieving, and the Abominable, and  
Murderers, and Whore-mongers, and Sorce-  
rers, and Idolaters, and all Lyars, shall have  
their part in the Lake which burneth with fire  
and Brimstone, which is the second death, and  
terriblest, Revel. 21, 48. It makes a reason-  
able Christian go out of his wits to think of the  
terrible punishment of Hell: Strive therefore,  
I beseech you, to enter in at the straight Gate;  
For many I say unto you, will strive to enter in,  
but shall not be able: Matt. 7, 13. For, when  
once the Master is risen up, and hath shut to  
the doore, and ye begin to stand without, and  
to knock at the doore, saying, Lord, Lord, open  
to us; but the Lord will answer, I know you not  
whence you are, depart from me all ye workers of  
iniquity, Luke 13. 25. 27. Oh what a ter-  
rible Sentence is this, to be deprived of the  
Joys of Heaven, and the presence of Christ,  
wherein is all fulness of Joy, lacking nothing,  
and rest and peace for evermore. Consider the  
Lillies how they grow, they toil not, they spin  
not, and yet, I say unto you, Solomon in all his  
Glory was not arrayed like one of these: It  
God so then cloath the Grass, which is to day  
in the field, and to morrow is cast in to an Oven

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and how much more will he cloath you, O you of little faith: Luke 12, 17. 18 Consider my dear friends, and be better grounded towards God and true Faith, through Jesus Christ. you see, and know, that God is able to let you want for nothing, so you will but serbe him. Mark what God saith in Ezekiel 33. 4. 5. Whosoever heareth the sound of a Trumpet, and takes not warning, if the Sword come and take him away, his Blood shall be upon his own Head; but he that taketh warning, delivereth his own Soul. I beseech you, friends, now you hear this day the sound of God in your ears, take warning hereby, prepare for the coming of Christ in the Courts of Heaven to Judgment; For assuredly, that man that is found unprepared at that day, will be in a most damnable Condition, they shall burn as an Oven; yea, and all the Proud, and all that do wickedly shall be as Stubble, and the Day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the Lord: that is, shall not leave neither Root nor branch; but unto them that fear my name, saith God, Shall the Son of Righteousness arise with healing in his Wings, and they shall tread down the Wicked, for you shall be as Ashes under the soles of your Feet, Mal. 4, 1, 2, 3. We have great cause to work out our salvation with fear and trembling. What man would run himself in danger, when he may escape it? Be not idle,

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Dear Friends, but spare of your ordinary  
to muse of the Word of GOD, for great  
the reward of the Righteous in Heaven,  
Love you your Enemies, and do good, and  
lending unto the ready, hoping for none  
gain, and your reward shall be great, and  
you shall be Children of the highest, Luke 5. 25.  
See all the manner of Christs coming to  
Judgment: The Lord himself shall descend  
from Heaven with a shout, with the noise of  
the Arch-Angel, with the Trump of God, and  
those which dyed in Christ shall rise first: Then  
we that are alive and remain, shall be caught  
up with them together in the Clouds to meet  
the Lord in the Ayre, and so we shall ever be  
with the Lord. 1 Thes. 4; 16, 17, 18. But the  
day and hour knoweth no man, therefore watch  
and pray for the coming of Christ, for it will  
overtake you as a Thief in the Night: There-  
fore sleep not as do others, but watch, and be  
sober: For they that sleep, sleep in the Night,  
and they that be drunken, be drunk in the Night:  
But let us who are of the Day be sober, put-  
ting on the Breast-plate of Faith and Love, and  
for a Helmet, put on the Hope of Salvation:  
And I beseech you, Brethren, to know them  
that labour among you, and are over you in  
the Lord; abstain from all Appearance of evil,  
do good and not hurt, for he that diligently  
seeketh good; procureth favour, but he that seek-  
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hurt, proboketh shame, Prov. 11, 27. ~~So~~  
must needs be with the wicked, a perpetual  
shameful thing for a Christian to be so simple,  
to lose the presence of God, and his Glori-  
ous Kingdom, to gain the intollerable flaming  
Hell fire, and to be accompanied with De-  
vilish Companions; to fore-shew the Glorious  
light of Heaven, where is light for evermore,  
to obtain Hells obscure darkness; to be be-  
st of Everlasting Joy, to suffer Perpetual  
Torments; this is true, that these Torments  
are prepared for the Damned, which shall be  
known to all those who are reserved for those  
Torments, by the most wrathful Indignati-  
on of God, a just reward for the Wicked: For  
saith Job, Chap. 21, 30, The Wicked is refer-  
red to the Day of Destruction, they shall be  
brought forth to the Day of Wrath. How  
is the Candle of the Wicked put out? and  
how cometh their Destruction upon them?  
They are as Stubble before the Wind, and as  
Chaff that the storm carrieth away; his eyes shall  
see his destruction, and he shall drink the wrath of  
the Almighty, Job 17, 18, 20. Strive to escape  
his wrath of God, else will your own eyes see  
your sudden Destruction come upon you; is it  
not better to serve God and be in safety, than  
to serve the Devil, and be in utter destruction?  
It is true, Christian Friends, to prepare your  
selves for the Day of Down, for it is even at the  
Do,

how, the signs of Christ's coming both agree  
 the same : For in the latter days there shall  
 wars, and rumours of wars, with great star-  
 ter, blood touching blood, the Father against  
 Son, and the Son against the Father ; one nei-  
 hour against the other, not knowing his friend  
 from his foe ; but the day is not yet. By  
 signs will be in Heaven and on Earth, before  
 the notable day of the Lord cometh : The  
 shall be turned into blood, and the Sun shall  
 darkned, and forbear his shining : Young men  
 shall see Visions, Old men shall dream Dreams  
 and divers notable signs will be before the  
 of the Lord cometh, Acts. 2, 19, 30. These  
 are the Signs of the coming of Christ, and  
 the General Resurrection when the Lord  
 shall appear in the Clouds, with magni-  
 cent Glory, coming in the Air with his  
 Saints, judging the Twelve Tribes of Israel.  
 But when this is accomplished, there will be  
 Peace and Safety, but then cometh sudden  
 Destruction as a Thief in the night : Therefore  
 Christian Friends, Watch, and Pray, for ye  
 know not at what hour the Son of Man com-  
 eth : You see, and have heard, and know, that  
 most of these things are accomplished, and ye  
 are now in peace and safety, and you know  
 how suddenly destruction may come upon you.  
 Pray, pray, for the Lords coming, it is even  
 the door, it cannot be far off : For our Antichrist



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others have writ that the World should last  
Ages, that is to say, not Six Thousand  
years, for the longest liver was Methuselah,  
lived nine hundred sixty and nine years,  
then dyed, Gen. 5. 27. His Age six times  
able makes it appear, that the last day is not  
off us, but will be accomplished in the year  
from the Creation, to the year of the Lords  
urrection, 5886. But then the Apostle tes-  
ties, & writes in the book of the Acts, If he days  
not shortned, there shall be no flesh saved.  
His beloved, is to put you off from knowing  
day of the Lords coming; be careful, good  
people, to prepare your selves, do not think with  
Scoffers of the World, that God will not  
come; or like the Seducers, and false Prophets,  
bringing in damnable Doctrine of Heresie; But  
hold, many shall follow their pernicious ways;  
reason of whom the way of Truth shall be  
spoken of, 1 Pet. 2. 2. If God therefore  
scorched not the Angels that sinned, but cast  
them down to Hell, and delivered them into  
chains of darkness, to be reserved unto Judge-  
ment, much more will he reserve the fire of  
Hell for the extortional Sinners of the World;  
scorched not the whole world, but dyed it,  
by sending eight persons, bringing the Floods upon  
the world of the ungodly; so also shall fire and  
brimstone burn upon the wicked, and leave them  
in the next Branch: The Lord also turned  
the



the City of Sodom and Gomorrah unto Affizes  
condemned them with an overthrow, making  
an Example to all those that ever after should  
live ungodly, and deliver just Lot, who was  
battered with the filthy Conversation of the wicked  
ed : So will God do at the Judgment  
he will sever the wicked from the Righteous  
and show upon them everlasting Torments  
We in England do as justly deserve sudden De-  
struction, as did the Cities of Sodom and Go-  
morrah, for there was not any one sin reigning  
there, but it is as frequently here : the Sin of  
Pride never reigned more than it doth at this  
Hour, both in the City and Country : And  
that is cloathed over with a badge of gallantry  
to what profit is it to be as Dives was in the  
Gospel, to dwell in a sumptuous Building, to  
wear rare Apparell, to fare delicately every day,  
to have all the Delights that the World could af-  
ford him, to be in damnable Torments for ever,  
be content, and strive not, dear friends to gain  
this to lose Heaven ; for the glory of the World  
is as nothing to the Glory of God : Besides, in  
so aboundeth, in number it is more than the  
Sands of the Sea : Sodom had not the sins as  
we have : Why therefore, O God, are we not  
destroyed : O God, thou art infinite in mercy  
and truth ; sparing thy people, willing them to  
amendment of life. But I will present to your  
view, what sins are now in growth at this pre-  
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at time, first, reigns Pride, Covetousness,  
 Malice, Envy, Hatred in all abundance, besides  
 most damnable sins of cursing and swearing,  
 Anger, drunkenness, whoredom and divers other  
 sins, which are weights to weigh a sinner down  
 to Hell. O, dear Friends, put from you Sin,  
 which is the main thing which keeps you from  
 Heaven; yea, you take delight in sinning, to  
 fill the Lusts thereof: you think, when you  
 hear it in Taberns, you do a good work, when  
 you hurt both Soul and Body; you vapour, and  
 malt your selves when you should be meek, and  
 holy; you drink Beer, and Wine to excess,  
 when you should be sober; besides running to  
 carnal Lusts, when you should be Chaste; us-  
 ing most damnable Oaths, and Profane oaths,  
 letting your mouths speak guile. Acting  
 evil abominably to the Face of God; and  
 as in the practise of sin you run continually,  
 without thinking of the terrible day of judgment,  
 how mighty terrible will it be to the Wicked:  
 and who will be able to stand before the Right-  
 eous Judge, who judges in truth & righteousness,  
 according to the work of every mans doing? In  
 what a sad condition, my friends, are you, to  
 be judged according to your doings? Woe be  
 to you all to have a care of your sins  
 now? If your work be bad you must receive the  
 reward of punishments: If your works be  
 good, your case will be happy at the general day of  
 Judgment.

**Judgment.** After Life there is no plea  
 your Case, for your Case is before known,  
 are either recorded in the book of Life,  
 Death; there is no Lawyers to plead for you.  
 There is none of your earthly friends can  
 the Ransom of your Souls; in what a state  
 misery are you plunged at this Hour! The  
 bil is on the one side of you, again, the word  
 Sentence is past to bring you to eternal De-  
 nation; your own Conscience on the other  
 witnessing against you of all the hidden se-  
 sins, which you in your life time have commi-  
 ted; the Wrath of Gods Fury hangs over  
 his scourging Rod, which will torment  
 Hell lies under you, ready to swallow you  
 whence the most Damnable Torments of  
 are prepared for the Wicked, then all ca-  
 mities, sorrows, and hellish Torments press  
 at once; and compass you about on every side  
 the loss of Heaven and the presence of  
 is a hellish Torment, without any other  
 ment which the loss of the profitable Love of  
 in the Glory thereof; besides, to be puni-  
 in the flames of Hell for evermore, where  
 is weeping and gnashing of Teeth, Mat. 24.  
 When the Son of man shall come in his  
 and all the holy Angels with him and before  
 shall be gathered all Nations together, and  
 shall separate them one from another as a  
 herd divideth his Sheep from his Goats,

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shall set the Sheep on the right hand, and  
goats on the Left: And to the Righteous he  
shall say, Come ye Blessed, of my Father, in-  
to the Kingdom of G O D prepared for you  
from the beginning; but to the Wicked he saith,  
Depart ye Cursed into Everlasting Fire, prepa-  
red for the Devil and his Angels, Matthew 24.

32, 33, 34. Lo, these shall go away into  
everlasting Punishment, and the Righteous  
into Life Eternal.

Dear Brethren, the way to escape these pun-  
ishments dependeth on two things, that is  
to fear God, and keep the commands of God;  
these are also lost in your self, Redeemed by  
Christ. What Christians in the World would  
dangle themselves of death, for the gaining  
of a trifling matter: Run into Hell, and forsake  
Heaven; falling into eternal misery, and might  
gain Eternal Glory.

A word to you worldly Men, that makes  
use of your Riches, pinching and grinding the  
poor for gain. It will be easier for a Camel  
to go through the Eye of a Needle, than for  
a Rich man to enter into Life eternal. But  
turn not unto uncertain Riches, now lay up no  
treasure on Earth, but lay up  
treasures in Heaven, where both no Rust can  
corrupt, and a place where is all Fellowship,  
Peace, and Joy, and eternal Happiness; relieve  
the Poor and needy, and turn not from them;

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for, know ye, what is given to the poore by  
 ritable friends, is lent to the Lord, and your  
 ward will be great in the Kingdom of Hea-  
 ven. But such covetous worldly men that will  
 relieve the oppressed, but lay up their Gold  
 store for many years, are counted like the  
 man in the Gospel, that was suddenly taken from  
 his Riches, and endangered himself of everla-  
 sting Damnation. Lay up no treasure on Earth,  
 neither take care for any thing, for to morrow  
 thou mayest go to the Grave. Then happy is  
 that hath laid up his treasure in Heaven to all  
 eternitie, where moth nor rust cannot corrupt,  
 neither thieves break through, nor steal; for Heaven  
 and Earth must passe away, and all from the presence  
 of God, but not one tittle of the Gospel of Christ  
 shall passe away.

O England, beware of Gods heavy Wrath  
 and severs Judgment against thee, for thy  
 rebellious sinning against him: The Lord  
 his Wrath will consume thee, without speedy resis-  
 tance; he hath stretched out his hand against  
 thee on the Land, as a toll to the day of Wrath.  
 And it shall come to passe, saith the Lord, at that  
 day I will search with Candles, and punish  
 men that are settled on their Lees, that say with  
 heart, the Lord will not do good, neither will  
 he evil; therefore their Goods shall become  
 booty, and their houses a desolation; they shall  
 build houses, but not inhabit them; they shall

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the Vineyards, but not drink the Wine thereof :  
 the great Day of the Lord is near, and hasteth  
 ; even the Voice of the day of the Lord :  
 the mighty men shall cry then bitterly ; that  
 is a Day of wrath, a Day of trouble and  
 distress, a Day of Wasting and Desolation ; a  
 Day of Darkness and Glooming ; a day of Clouds  
 and thick darkness ; a Day of Trumpeting and  
 War against the fenced Cities, and against  
 the high Towers ; and distress it will bring  
 upon the wicked men, that they shall walk like blind  
 men, because they have sinned against the Lord,  
 and their blood shall be poured out as Dust, and  
 their flesh as the Dung : neither their Silver  
 nor their Gold shall be able to deliver them in  
 the day of the Lords wrath : Give good regard to  
 you, you Rich men, who, like the great fishes  
 of the Sea, eat up the poor and small fishes ; like  
 the Lord speaks of, Micah 6. 12. 15. The  
 Rich men are full of Violence. Shall I account  
 them pure that use a false Ballance, with bags of  
 deceitful weights ? No, I rather account them  
 the receivers of the poor : and at this general day,  
 they cannot be able to stand before the Judgment seat  
 of Christ, but will by his own conscience be pre-  
 sent in the presence of God : wishing the Hills  
 to cover him, and hide him from the presence of  
 the Almighty, but when that the word of Sen-  
 tence is past, he must depart to the Lake of fire  
 that burneth for ever, where there is weeping  
 and

and gnashing of Teeth, from which place, O mighty God, deliver us : But if a man be willing to lose his life, to save it, he shall arrive at his desired haven, which is the heavenly Jerusalem, and glorious Throne of Christ. mystically it was put for those Prophecies of John in the Revelations, Revel. 21. 9. 10. And there came unto me one of the seven Angels, and talked with me, saying, Come hither : and he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high Mountain, and shewed me the great City descending out of Heaven from God, having the Glory of God : And her light was like unto a Stone most precious, even like a Jasper, and as clear as Crystal : And had a Wall great and high, and had Twelve Gates, and at the Gates Twelve Angels, which are the number of the Twelve Tribes of the Children of Israel : Three Gates on the North, three on the South, three on the West, and three on the East : And the Wall of the City had Twelve Foundations, and in them the names of the twelve Apostles of the Lamb, And the City layeth four square ; the length, and the breadth, and the height of it are equal ; the building of the Wall of it was of Jasper, and the City was pure Gold, like unto clear glass, the foundations of it were garnished with precious stones : & the twelve gates were twelve Pearls : And the Streets of the City were pure Gold, as it were transparent Glass, and no Tree



It is therein, for the Lord God Almighty, and the Lamb are the Temple of it. This City of Heaven hath no need of the Light of the Sun, or the Moon: For the Glory of God and the Lamb is the light thereof: And also there proceedeth out of the Throne of God, and of the Lamb, a pure River of Water of Life, clear as Chrystal; and in the midst of the Street was the Tree of Life, which bears twelve manner of fruits, and yieldeth her fruit every month; and the Leaves of the Tree were for the healing of the Nations; there is no light there, and they need no Candle, neither light of the Sun, for the Lord God giveth them light; and they shall reign for ever and ever. These sayings, my friends, are faithful and true; for the Lord God hath shewed to his Servants the thing which must shortly be done.

Oh beloved, consider the Glory of this Heavenly Jerusalem; no man is able to imagine or conceive the Wisdom of God, and the Honour and Glory of the Lamb, and his glorious Throne, which is the Portion of the Righteous, and their greatest reward; For behold saith God, I come quickly, and my Reward is with me, to give to every man according to his Works. What are our works by which we must be judged; Oh base and filthy, far worse than the Beasts of the fields, we work nothing that's good, we act mischief continually, to the  
Face

Face of God, by our most debauched swearing  
 and cursing, whoredom, and drunkenness, pride  
 and covetousness, extortion, idolatry, and  
 deceitful living, and murmuring at the holy  
 works of God: But lo, the portion of the  
 wicked men is to be burned in a Lake of fire  
 which burneth for ever and ever: They will be  
 tormented with the memory of the things past  
 present, and to come: The rich man will  
 be tormented of his felicity that is past, his punishment  
 present, and his intollerable torment to come.  
 You Rich men be convinced, but make not  
 God of your Riches, but make good use  
 of your Talent which God hath lent you: Be  
 thou a King, Rule in peace, and execute judg-  
 ment with mercy, spread forth the Gospel of  
 CHRIST throughout thy whole Dominions.  
 And you Judges and Magistrates, in chiefest  
 Judge equity and right, give justice to the  
 Poor, as well as to the Rich: Let not the bal-  
 lance of wickedness out-weigh the book of  
 Life: nor hide nothing from God, for his all-  
 seeing Eye doeth bring secret things to a clear  
 Light; for what is done in your secret Chosen  
 will be proclaimed on the House-top: You  
 Lawyers, recall your selves to remembrance  
 what Law is; let not handfuls of Gold and  
 Silver carry you from a rightfull cause: Be ye  
 still pleaders for the Poor, and redeem them from  
 an Earthly bondage, and your Saviour will  
 plead for you.

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read for you, and iudge you accordingly at the  
Great Assizes, and redeeme you. Next, you Dis-  
cussors of God, measure out the fruit of Righte-  
ousness to the people; sound forth the Gos-  
pel with boldness, rehearse nothing but sound  
doctrine, which proceeds from the Spirit of  
Truth; and be as a shining light by our Zeal,  
and Conversation: And lay aside all Supersti-  
tion, Popery, Schism, or Heresie, which hath  
bred Destruction in the Land. And lastly, to  
you people in general, of what degree soever,  
of opinion, take these few Rules and Admoni-  
tions, before I end, or quite conclude my  
Book, to you Learned, teach you the Scrip-  
tures, and you will find me not to diminish the  
Word of God the Law of the Lord: Then pra-  
ctice, and follow what you find writ in the Old  
and New Testament, and to you, ignorant peo-  
ple, I advise you to hearken to the Learned,  
and to those that preach the Gospel, and what  
they command unto you, and lay it to heart: and  
work out your salvation with fear and trem-  
bling.

First, seek to find God in your hearts, then  
learn to know him and be acquainted with him:  
for if you never seek to know him, how should  
you ever think to live with him? You think  
in your hearts, how should you know him, that  
you never beheld with your Natural Eyes: no my  
friends, you must see him Spiritually, and not  
corporeally.

corporally : For no mortal Eye is able to behold  
 his exceeding Magnificent Glory ; He  
 Christ in the Faith , because he should believe  
 But for all this , yea, for all the means he  
 use , we will not believe him : yet you say  
 believe there is a GOD : But wherein do  
 believe ? For if you believe aright , how  
 you to offend so great a God ? No, my friend  
 if you believe aright , you'll seek to please him  
 and not offend him, but fear his Judgment  
 and trust in his mercy : For he is slow to anger  
 and of great kindness. Therefore beloved  
 clude with me , with these sayings : Fear God  
 and keep his Commandments : And then  
 may hope to believe aright ; prepare your selves  
 against the great day of the Lord : for unto  
 you that fear my name , it will be a day  
 Joy, and rejoycing, a day of felicity, mirth, and  
 gladness, with eternal Bliss ; When the wicked  
 man shall lye and be cursed with Curses  
 the Plagues of Hell tormenting him, the memory  
 of things past oppressing him, the howling  
 fearful Devils affrighting him, the heavy wrath  
 and curse of God hanging over him : and  
 of all, the everlasting Torments to come, which  
 do strike him into everlasting despair :  
 How many rains are wonderful to be endured  
 were we but to sit still a month, and never  
 move, to lye in prison seven years, to have  
 your hands in fire for an hour, to be starved

The Great Affizes: Or, 357  
Death, is nothing to this unknowable Tor-  
ment: Of our Earthly Torment, the Tor-  
ment of the Tormenter dyeth and hath an  
end.

Now the Grace of our Magnificent God,  
the Father, and the Glory of his Son our Sa-  
vour, accompanied with the Holy Ghost, defend  
us from Hell, and bring us to Heaven, to Reign  
with him from everlasting to everlasting. Amen.

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All Christian men, where e're you dwell,  
prepare both great and small,  
Seek to avoid the pains of Hell,  
and find this Heavenly Hall.

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